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- 11. (S) On 16 October, Post received the below diplomatic note from the Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirming the GOK's refusal of the USG request (ref A) to transport Iraqi yellowcake through Kuwait.
- 12. (S) Begin Text of informal translation:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Americas Department

October 8, 2007

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its highest compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America accredited to the State of Kuwait and refers to the embassy's request for transferring a shipment of uranium yellowcake from Iraq to Kuwait and then to ship it out of Kuwait. We wish to advise you that the Ministry of Defense declines (the request for) transit or storage of this substance within Kuwaiti territory.

Complimentary closing.

End Text.

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